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SUBJECT: ROWAS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PEACE CORPS  
PROGRAM IN OMAN

1. DURING CALL BY ABD-AL-AZIZ ROWAS ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER, ROWAS ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WITH TRAINING AND/OR EXPERIENCE IN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION AND OTHER BROADCAST MEDIA. ROWAS SAID THAT HE WOULD BE VERY ANXIOUS TO USE VOLUNTEERS TRAINED IN THE MEDIA TO HELP HIM AND THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PRODUCE OMANI PROPAGANDA TO COUNTER CONTINUING VITRIOLIC FLOW OF PROPAGANDA FROM PDRY.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS CHECKED WITH PEACE CORPS AND FINDS THAT RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH TALENTS IN MEDIA WOULD BE  
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A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. PEACE CORPS, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT IF SUCH INDIVIDUALS WERE INDEED TO WORK FOR OMANI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, THEN THEIR PRODUCT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST SOME EDUCATIONAL VALUE OR VOLUNTEERS WOULD LOSE INTEREST IN THEIR WORK. DEPARTMENT TOO WAS CONCERNED WITH "HARD CORE PROPAGANDA" THAT ROWAS SEEMED TO HAVE IN MIND AS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S PRODUCT. DEPARTMENT

AND PEACE CORPS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ROWAS

SUGGESTION THAT VOLUNTEERS WITH TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN  
MEDIA BE ASSIGNED TO OMAN FOR SERVICE WITH MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION.  
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